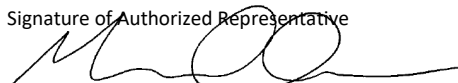


# BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT APPLICATION

## For Fiscal Year 2022

<p>Primary Applicant (Name and Address):</p> <p>Hilbert Communications, LLC d/b/a Northwoods Connect 417 Pine Street Green Bay, WI 54301 (920) 940-0138</p>	<p>Applications MUST be UPLOADED to ERF via the Commission's website, <a href="http://psc.wi.gov/apps35/ERF_upload/content/mymenu.aspx">http://psc.wi.gov/apps35/ERF_upload/content/mymenu.aspx</a>. Refer to section 2.3 for detailed instructions.</p> <p>Applications are due and MUST be uploaded to ERF no later than: <b>March 17, 2022</b> at 4:00pm (16:00) Central Time. <b>Late applications will not be accepted.</b></p>
	<p>Contact for further information: <a href="mailto:PSCStatebroadbandoffice@wisconsin.gov">PSCStatebroadbandoffice@wisconsin.gov</a></p>
	<p>Date: March 17, 2022</p>
<p>The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin is seeking applications for Broadband Expansion Grants. The Commission may award one or more grants during Fiscal Year 2022 to public and private entities that meet the eligibility requirements set forth in Wis. Stat. § 196.504. This grant round will be funded with bond proceeds authorized by the Wisconsin Building Commission pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 13.48(30). As such, successful applicants are subject to the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 13.48(30). Successful applicants will demonstrate a clear and achievable plan to improve broadband communications services in one or more underserved areas in the State.</p>	
<p><b>Applicant Certification:</b> In signing this application, the undersigned verifies under penalty of perjury that the Applicant and its employees and agents have not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement or participated in any collusion or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competition with respect to this application; that no attempt has been made to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit an application; that this application has been independently arrived at without collusion with any other proposer, competitor or potential competitor; that this application has not been knowingly disclosed prior to the opening of applications to any other applicant or competitor; that all of the responses and representations of Applicant in this application are true and correct to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, information, and belief; and that Applicant agrees to, accepts, and will comply with all of the terms and conditions respecting this application and any award of a broadband expansion grant as may be established in a grant award Agreement.</p>	
<p>Name of Authorized Representative (Type or Print)</p> <p>Mitchel Olson</p>	<p>Title</p> <p>Chief Development Officer   General Counsel</p>
	<p>Phone (    )</p> <p>920.940.0138</p>
<p>Signature of Authorized Representative</p> 	<p>Date</p> <p>March 17, 2022</p>

## SUMMARY OF GRANT APPLICATION

<b>Primary Applicant Name</b>  Hilbert Communications, LLC d/b/a Northwood Connect	<b>Amount of Broadband Grant Request (round to nearest dollar)</b>  \$2,769,500
<b>Federal Employer Identification No.</b>  20-0284635	<b>Amount of Matching Funds Pledged (round to nearest dollar)</b>  \$11,078,000
<b>Contact Name and Title</b>  Mitchel Olson – Chief Development Officer   General Counsel	<b>Total Cost of Proposed Project (round to nearest dollar)</b>  \$13,847,500
<b>Telephone Number</b>  920.940.0138	<b>Project Name</b>  R.O.A.D. to Digital Equality - Oneida County
<b>E-mail Address(es)</b>  mitchel.olson@bugtusselwireless.com	<b>Type of Proposed Broadband Service (FTTH, Cable, DSL, etc.)</b>  FTTH
<b>Grant Manager, if different than Primary Applicant</b>  N/A	<b>Type of Proposed Project (Last-mile, Middle-Mile, backbone, other)</b>  Middle-mile / Last-mile
<b>Grant Manager Contact Name</b>  N/A	<b>Grant Manager Email Address and Telephone Number</b>  N/A
<b>If the application proposes a public-private partnership, list the names, addresses, and FEINs of the partner companies or organizations</b>  Oneida County 1 South Oneida Avenue Rhineland, WI 54501	
<b>Brief Project Description (2 sentences)</b>  The Oneida County R.O.A.D. to Digital Equality Project is the deployment of 223.9 miles of fiberoptic middle-mile, completing a ring throughout Oneida County, while providing gigabit service to homes and business locations along that route. This project is “Open Access” allows for future expansion and encourages faster deployment of countywide fiber to the premise, which supports immediate economic opportunity for residents and businesses.	
<b>Maximum Proposed Download Transmission Speed</b>  1 Gbps`	<b>Maximum Proposed Upload Transmission Speed</b>  1 Gbps
<b>Minimum Proposed Download Speed to Customer Location</b>  200 mbps	<b>Minimum Proposed Upload Transmission Speed to Customer Location</b>  200 mbps

<p>County or Counties served by this project</p> <p>Oneida County</p>	<p>Community or Communities served by this project</p> <p>Town of Cassian, Town of Hazelhurst, Town of Lynne, Town of Minocqua, Town of Nokomis, Town of Lake Tomahawk, Town of Newbold, Town of Woodboro, Town of Crescent, City of Rhinelander, Town of Sugar Camp, Town of Pine Lake, Town of Pelican, Town of Three Lakes, Town of Monico, Town of Piehl, Town of Schoepke, Town of Enterprise, Town of Woodruff</p>
<p>List of the broadband service providers, if any, currently serving the area the applicant proposes to serve</p> <p>Astrea, CenturyLink, Charter Communications, Frontier Communications, NSight</p>	
<p>Does proposed project serve an <u>unserved</u> area of the State, as defined in <u>Section 1.4</u> of the application instruction? (yes/no)</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>Is the Applicant certified as a Broadband Forward! Community or Telecommuter Forward! Community, or does the grant project propose to serve a Broadband Forward! Community or Telecommuter Forward! Community? (yes/no)</p> <p>No</p>
<p>For last mile projects or component the expected number of Business Locations that will have access to the improved broadband service (i.e., total business locations passed or with new service access).</p> <p>304</p>	<p>For last mile projects or components the expected number of Residential Locations that will have access to the improved broadband service (i.e., total residential locations passed or with new service access).</p> <p>5,771</p>
<p>Of the improved business locations, how many locations are <i>unserved</i>?</p> <p>177</p>	<p>Of the improved residential locations, how many are <i>unserved</i>?</p> <p>3,370</p>
<p>For providers that are eligible telecommunications carriers will the proposed broadband service be available to Lifeline customers? (yes/no)</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>Are there any programs available for low-income households to access low-cost service or discounts? (yes/no)</p> <p>Yes</p>
<p>Is the internet service provider currently participating in the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program? (yes/no)</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>Is the internet service provider currently participating in the Department of Public Instruction and CESA purchasing's Digital Learning Bridge? (yes/no)</p> <p>Yes</p>
<p>Did the internet service provider participate in the Public Service Commission's voluntary Broadband Coverage Data Collection in 2021? (yes/no)</p> <p>Yes</p>	

# FY22 Broadband Expansion Grant Application

## Budget & Income Summary



Please complete this form using Microsoft Excel. A PDF copy must be attached to your application as page four. In addition, this form must also be uploaded to ERF in Excel format.

### Grant Summary

Grant Applicant:	Project:
Hilbert Communcations d/b/a Northwood Connect	R.O.A.D. to Digital Equality - Oneida County




### Budget

Line:	Description / Category:	Grant Funds:	Match:	Total:
1	Contractual, Consultant Fees	\$ 1,738,982.00	\$ 6,955,928.00	\$ 8,694,910.00
2	Equipment	\$ 269,600.00	\$ 1,078,400.00	\$ 1,348,000.00
3	Supplies	\$ 586,723.80	\$ 2,346,895.20	\$ 2,933,619.00
4	Labor (Salary, Fringe)	\$ 118,219.20	\$ 472,876.80	\$ 591,096.00
5	Permitting, Licensing Fees	\$ 55,975.00	\$ 223,900.00	\$ 279,875.00
6	Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7	Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total:		\$ 2,769,500.00	\$ 11,078,000.00	\$ 13,847,500.00
		80.0% match requested		

### Pledged Contributions

#:	Entity:	Entity Type:	Pledge Type:	Pledge:
1	Hilbert Communications / Oneida County Partnership	Applicant	Cash	\$ 9,520,500.00
2	Oneida County	Partner	Cash	\$ 1,500,000.00
3	Town of Hazelhurst	Other	Cash	\$ 1,000.00
4	Town of Lake Tomahawk	Other	Cash	\$ 1,000.00
5	Town of Minocqua	Other	Cash	\$ 50,000.00
6	Town of Pelican	Other	Cash	\$ 1,000.00
7	Town of Schoepke	Other	Cash	\$ 1,000.00
8	Town of Sugar Camp	Other	Cash	\$ 1,000.00
9	Town of Three Lakes	Other	Cash	\$ 1,000.00
10	Town of Crescent	Other	Cash	\$ 1,000.00
11	Town of Nokomis	Other	Cash	\$ 500.00
Total:				\$ 11,078,000.00



 Proposed Fiber Route
  PSC - Underserved  
 PSC - Unserved

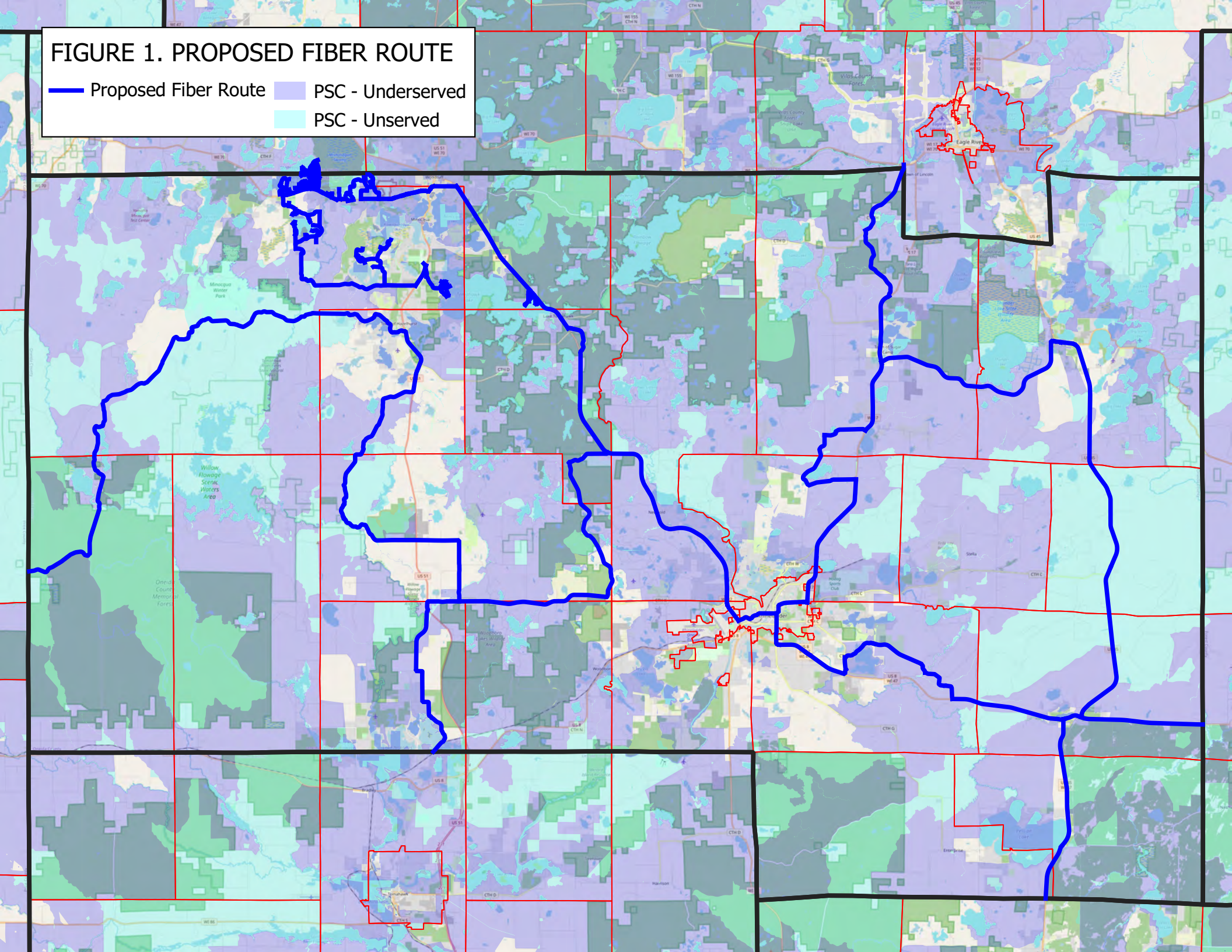
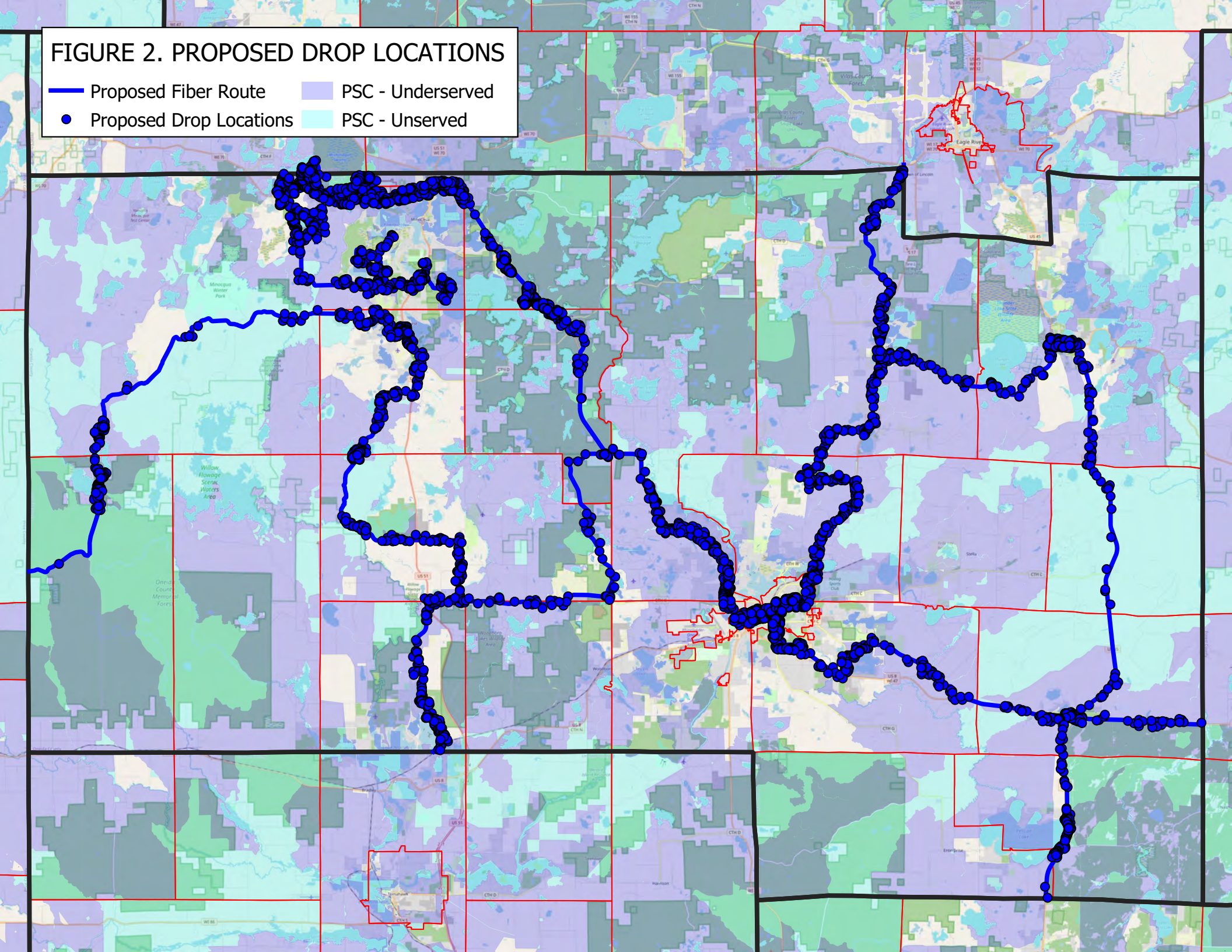




FIGURE 2. PROPOSED DROP LOCATIONS

- Proposed Fiber Route
- Proposed Drop Locations
- PSC - Underserved
- PSC - Unserved



### **3.2 Mandatory application requirements**

#### **3.2.1 Applicant identification and contact information**

**a. The name and address of the entity applying for the grant, and the mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address of one or more contact persons representing the applicant.**

Name of Entity: Hilbert Communications, LLC  
d/b/a Northwoods Connect ("Northwoods")  
Mailing Address: 417 Pine Street  
Green Bay, WI 54701  
  
Contact: Mitchel Olson  
Title: Chief Development Officer | General Counsel  
Phone: 920.940.0138  
Email: [mitchel.olson@bugtusselwireless.com](mailto:mitchel.olson@bugtusselwireless.com)

**b. If the application proposes a public-private partnership, the identity and contact information for all application partners.**

Name of Entity: Oneida County  
Mailing Address: 1 South Oneida Avenue  
Rhineland, WI 54501  
  
Contact: Mr. Jeff Verdoorn  
Title: OCEDC Executive Director  
Phone: 715.369.9110  
Email: [jeff.verdoorn@ocedc.com](mailto:jeff.verdoorn@ocedc.com)

**c. The application must show that the applicant is an organization, a telecommunications utility, or a city, village, town, or county that has established a legal partnership or joint venture arrangement with an otherwise qualified organization or telecommunications utility, and as such meets the eligibility requirements set forth in Wis. Stat. § 196.504(1).**

Hilbert Communications, LLC, is a Wisconsin Limited Liability Company, with its headquarters located at 417 Pine Street, Green Bay, WI 54701, and is an Eligible applicant, as defined by §196.504(1)(ac)(1).

### **3.2.2 Description of the project**

**a. A static map and description of the area of the State that will be affected by the proposed project.**

Please see the enclosed project maps, located on pages 5 and 6. The enclosed maps show the proposed middle-mile route throughout Oneida County, along which fiber to the home will be deployed, but the impact will be well beyond the route as shown. Future expansion projects, utilizing the middle-mile, will reach beyond the original territory served in this phase of deployment. With these additional projects, all of Oneida County will be affected by this project.

**b. If the project area lies within a census block designated as served on the PSC Broadband Map, provide additional documentation to demonstrate the actual broadband service that is available in the proposed project area.**

As shown in **Figures 1 and 2** above, there is a significant need for expanded broadband access in Oneida County. Outside of the largest population centers, Rhinelander and Minocqua, nearly the entire County is listed by the PSC as unserved or underserved.

Oneida County lacks the infrastructure, specifically a fiber optic middle mile, necessary for expanded FTTP access in the future, including in those census blocks designate as served, albethem few and far between.

**c. An explanation of how the proposed project will increase broadband access. Include information about the:**

This project will increase broadband access by making last-mile fiber to the premises connections, in addition to installing middle-mile fiber with substantial capacity for expansion.

This project will have the capacity to service the 5,771 households located along the fiber route, in addition to the 304 business. Of those, 3,370 homes and 177 businesses are in underserved and unserved areas.

The fiber to the premises packages available will include a symmetrical 200 mbps download / 200 mbps upload option for \$64.99, in addition to a 1 Gbps download / 1 Gbps upload option for \$99.99.

**d. A statement whether the proposed project is targeting the “last mile,” “middle mile,” or backbone portion of the broadband infrastructure.**

The proposed project will consist of both middle-mile and last-mile assets. The proposed project area is in significant need of additional backbone infrastructure and capacity, with last-mile connections being made along that route to promote a “dig-once” construction model.

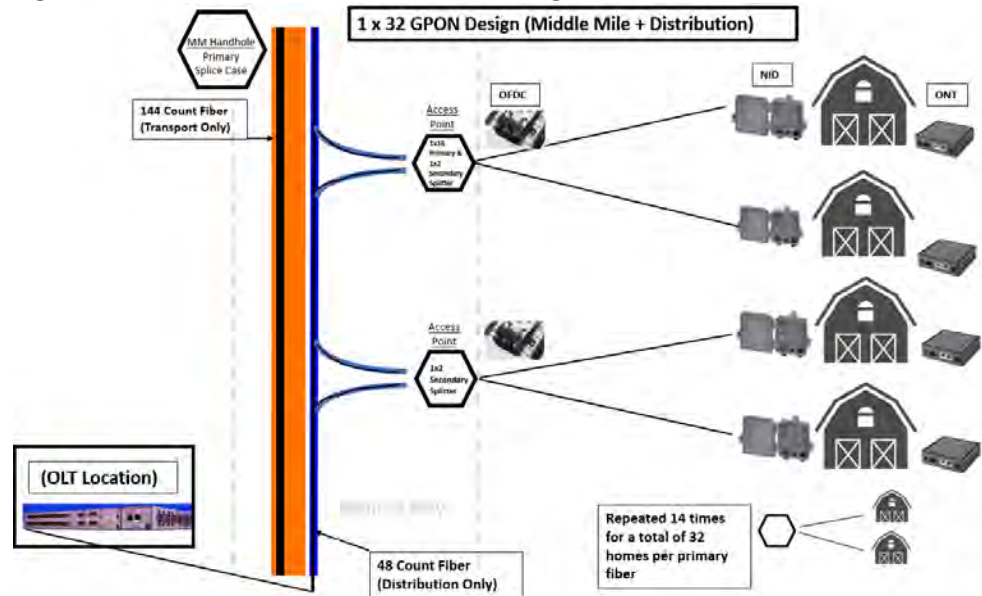


- e. A description of the broadband service to be provided, including estimated download and upload speeds, whether the speed is based on dedicated or shared bandwidth, and the technology that will be used. This description may be be illustrated by a map or schematic diagram, as appropriate.

The network will consist of fiber optic cable connected to GPON/ONT electronics that will provide capacity for over 1 Gbps to each residence and business along the fiber route along with Dense Wave Division Multiplexing (DWDM) equipment for traffic aggregation, capable of supporting 200 to 800 Gbps.

As shown in Figure 3 below, a 144 strand transport fiber will be buried alongside a separate 48 strand fiber that will be utilized for fiber to the premises.

**Figure 3 – Middle-mile and Distribution Design.**



- f. For middle mile projects:

At this time, no additional last-mile connections can be disclosed publicly. That said, Northwoods with itself be making last mile connections utilizing the middle-mile for transport.

Connections incident to this grant application will be made within the two-year construction window contemplated for this project, and additional last-mile projects will be completed, by both Northwoods and other internet service providers, in the years that follow.

By making the last-mile connections along the middle-mile route simultaneous to the installation of the middle-mile, it will not be necessary to perform additional construction projects along the same route. This conforms to the "dig-once" construction model, saving both time and construction expense.

- g. A schedule by which the applicant intends to complete the components of the proposed project. The project period is up to 24 months.**

Final route design, in conjunction with Northwoods's partner, and engineering will commence immediately following the announcement of the grant award. This process will last through the end of 2022, with construction beginning in early 2023. Construction of the main-line fiber is anticipated to be completed in June, 2023, with last-mile drops and installations beginning shortly thereafter. It is Northwoods's expectation that the project will be completed by June, 2024.

### **3.2.3 Itemized Budget (all amounts should be rounded to the nearest dollar)**

- a. In addition to the Summary of Project Budget that is included as page 3, applicants should include a price list or quote for any equipment the applicant intends to purchase, including capital expenditures. The application should also indicate whether any facilities involved would be owned, rented, or leased.**

At this time, Northwoods does not intend to purchase any equipment to facilitate construction pursuant to this grant application. All assets installed incident to this project will be owned and operated by Northwoods, or a related entity.

- b. The application must show that the grant, if awarded, will not subsidize the expenses of a telecommunications provider or the monthly bills of telecommunications customers. For purposes of this grant program, subsidize means a contribution to the operating costs, including profit, of the telecommunications provider.**

The sole purpose of the grant contemplated herein is to facilitate the construction of fiber assets. The grant, if awarded, will not subsidize the expenses of Northwoods, nor will it be used to subsidize the costs paid by customers.

- c. The application must show that the grant funds requested will be used for the sole purpose of constructing broadband infrastructure in the underserved areas covered by the application. Construction of broadband infrastructure may include any of the following:**

Other than the work done in formulation of this grant application, no planning, engineering, permitting, or construction has taken place. All of the costs of this project, as identified on the enclosed budget, will be incurred during the performance period.

### **3.2.4 Priority factors supporting the application**

- a. Matching funds. A description of the matching funds the applicant will invest in the proposed project, if any. For each element, indicate the type of match (cash, salary expense, or in-kind contribution). If the application is submitted by a partnership, identify the partner responsible for providing each element of the proposed matching funds. *Note: The requirement for this information is satisfied via inclusion of the completed Funding Statement as page 4 of the application.***

As discussed in Section b below, through the R.O.A.D. to Digital Equality Program, and additional funding sources, Northwoods and its partners are pledging a total of \$11,078,000, or 80% of the total project cost.

**b. Public-private partnerships. If the public-private partnership is memorialized in a joint venture agreement or other writing, provide a copy of that agreement. If the partnership has not been reduced to a written agreement, provide a short description of the management role, financial commitment, or other contribution to the project for each participating partner.**

To fund this project, Northwoods is utilizing a conduit bond issuance called the Rural Open Access Design (R.O.A.D.) to Digital Equality. In this public private partnership, the County's contribution to the project will take the form of an underlying guaranty on the bond issuance, and Northwoods will be responsible for all payments and costs associated with the project. Northwoods will own and operate all assets, and the County will benefit through free use of the fiber for governmental purposes for the lifetime of the bonds in addition to other financial considerations.

The creation of the public private partnership between Hilbert Communications and Oneida County is memorialized by Resolution #34-2022 (attached as **Exhibit A**).

Moreover, by Resolution #35-2022, Oneida County is contributing \$1,500,000 outside of the bond issuance, which further demonstrates their commitment to this project (attached as **Exhibit B**).

Additional contributions made by partnering municipalities, as identified on the Budget and Income Summary, are validated in **Exhibits D through K** below.

**c. Existing broadband service. A list of the broadband service providers, if any, currently serving the area the applicant proposes to serve. In scoring this element, the following factors will be taken into account:**

The design of the project contemplated herein has given significant priority to areas avoided by existing internet service providers. Although the middle-mile route passes through areas with existing service, this is a necessary step to develop a reliable broadband network through the project area.

As shown on Table 1 below, several providers have some level of coverage in the project area. This coverage, however, is rarely, if ever, capable of reliably providing broadband service at speeds of 25 mbps download / 3 mbps upload. The services currently offered in the project area do not meet the needs of the residences and businesses in the project area, which is our sole motivator in undertaking this project.

**Table 1. Internet Service Providers.**

Service Provider	Technology Platform	Price Range	Advertised Download Speeds	Advertised Upload Speeds
Astrea	Cable	Unknown without service address	1,000 mbps	100 mbps
CenturyLink	DSL	Unknown without service address	8.0 mbps	.0768 mbps
Charter Communications	Cable	Unknown without service address	940 mbps	35 mbps
Frontier Communications	DSL	Unknown without service address	18 mbps	1.0 mbps
NSight	Fixed Wireless	Unknown without service address	0.7 mbps	0.4 mbps

Insofar as the middle-mile portion of this project is concerned, installation of the middle-mile pursuant to this project will substantially limit future construction costs related to additional last-mile projects. County governments, municipalities, commercial organizations, and economic development advocates have all identified the need for expanded middle-mile transport to meet current needs, anticipate future needs, and to promote economic development.

The design of the middle-mile route was done in cooperation with Oneida County, wherein County officials were able to provide first-hand knowledge of existing broadband assets. This information was utilized to avoid existing areas with adequate coverage if at all possible, while still accomplishing County objectives and allowing for the development of a robust middle-mile capable of serving all of the communities throughout Oneida County.

**d. Project impact. A description of the geographic area and the population, both in terms of absolute numbers and likely users, which will be served by the proposed project. Indicate the number of anticipated residential and business customers in the project area, if known. Explain the speed and quality of internet service that will be available. Include information about the range of packages available for purchase. Provide details on any low-income access programs and steps the project will take to support adoption.**

This project will have a profound impact on broadband access in Oneida County. Of the 6,075 homes and businesses that will be able to immediately take service off the middle-mile fiber route, 3,547 are outside of metropolitan areas where broadband service is severely lacking, both in terms of access and affordability.

All last-mile connections made incident to this project will be fiber to the premises. Packages available will include a symmetrical 200 mbps download / 200 mbps upload option for \$64.99, in addition to a 1 Gbps download / 1 Gbps upload option for \$99.99. Northwoods is an Affordable Connectivity Program participant, with dedicated staff available for assistance, meaning support and connectivity for low-income residents is readily achievable.

This expanded access will enable improvements in the lives of the residents of Oneida County by enabling remote work opportunities, improving access to educational opportunities, and enhancing access to medical services and information.

**e. Scalability. A description of how the proposed project could expand or improve the broadband service it delivers, while maintaining the quality of its broadband service. This description should include specific projected increases in the following parameters that are known at the time of the application:**

Hilbert Communications is undertaking a significant fiber-optic build out across Wisconsin, with proposed projects in more than 45 of the 72 counties. When completed, this will create a statewide, rural focused fiber optic network with as many as 60 redundancies between the end user and the destination of their data traffic.



For too long, networks have been designed on an ad hoc basis, connecting only those areas with significant enough population to allow for a quick return on investment. This has resulted in unreliable networks that travers through entire communities without making connections to the residents. Hilbert Communications has designed networks that focus first on reliability and need, and has found that profitably follows closely when you put the community, and its residents, first.

The project contemplated herein, as part of the statewide network design, will have the capacity to serve significantly more than the 6075 homes and businesses first able to take service. There will be 10 network aggregation points along the middle-mile, allowing future projects to expand in every direction with the capacity to provide service for the totality of Oneida County, and beyond.

Northwoods is installing a 144 strand transport fiber as its middle-mile. Of those 144, 24 have been given to Oneida County through the public private partnership. Of the remaining 120 fibers, 48 fibers will be used for transport related FTTP, fixed wireless broadband, and cellular traffic, leaving 72 fibers, or one half of the installed assets, of additional capacity for future growth and expansion.

**f. Economic development. A description of how the proposed project will promote job growth or retention, expand the property tax base or improve the overall economic vitality of the municipality or region. This description may be supplemented with a letter from one or more persons discussing the potential economic impact the project could have for that individual or business. In scoring this element, the following factors will be taken into account:**

Please see the attached statement, **Exhibit C**, of Jeff Verdoorn, Executive Director of the Oneida County Economic Development Corporation, as it relates to the impact this project will have on economic development in the project area.

**g. Effect upon broadband service to adjacent areas. A description of whether the proposed project will or will not impair the ability of a broadband service provider or competing broadband service provider to extend broadband service to areas adjacent to the proposed project area.**

This project is about open-access expansion. In addition to compromising their reliability for the sake of profits, ad hoc networks that focus on dense, isolated population areas have a detrimental effect on future development.

Northwoods's middle-mile/last-mile fiber will allow immediate access to those along the route, and it was designed not with dense population areas as the prime motivator. This will facilitate further development, by Northwoods and other competing broadband service providers, by greatly reducing the cost to serve even the most remote customers.

### **3.2.5 Other information supporting the application**

**a. A description of applicant's history or experience constructing broadband communications facilities in the State and elsewhere.**

As a growth oriented company with a statewide footprint, Hilbert Communications, and its subsidiaries, have a long history of undertaking projects of this magnitude.

Through the PSC, Hilbert Communications, and its subsidiaries, have been awarded a number of grants, as shown on Table 2 below. All projects have been completed, or are in the process of being completed, within the parameters outlined in each respective grant application:

**Table 2. Grant Awards.**

Grant	Year	Technology	Status	Customers
Oneida County - I	2015	Fixed Wireless	Completed	199
Oneida County – II	2017	Fixed Wireless	Completed	256
Florence County	2018	Fixed Wireless	Completed	42
Oneida County – III	2018	Fixed Wireless	Completed	179
Juneau County	2018	Fixed Wireless	Completed	25
Green County	2018	Fixed Wireless	Completed	93
Oneida County – IV	2018	Fixed Wireless	Completed	169
LaFayette County	2019	Fixed Wireless	Completed	24
Green Lake County	2019	Fixed Wireless	Completed	31
Town of Deerfield	2019	Fixed Wireless	Completed	7
Oneida County – V	2019	Fixed Wireless	Pending	Pending
Kewaunee County	2020	Fixed Wireless	Pending	Pending
Menominee County	2020	Fixed Wireless	Pending	Pending
Forest County	2020	Fixed Wireless / Fiber	Pending	Pending
Green County	2020	Fiber	Pending	Pending
Iowa County	2020	Fiber	Pending	Pending
Florence County	2021	Fixed Wireless	Pending	Pending
Fond du Lac County	2021	Fixed Wireless	Pending	Pending
Iron County	2021	Fixed Wireless	Pending	Pending
Wood County – SW	2021	Fixed Wireless	Pending	Pending
Wood County	2021	Fixed Wireless	Pending	Pending
Kewaunee County	2021	Fiber	Pending	Pending
Forest County	2022	Fiber	Pending	Pending

Hilbert Communications completed a number of American Rescue Plan Act Broadband Access Grant applications that were not awarded, and four of those projects will commence irrespective of the grant award. Construction on fiber-optic networks in Marathon, Waushara, Calumet, and Fond du Lac Counties will begin this spring.

- b. A description of how the proposed project will or will not duplicate existing broadband infrastructure.**

The project area is one where legacy providers have not continued to make the investments necessary to support modern technological advancement. As discussed above, existing access exists only in areas where profitability facilitated the investment, which leaves large geographic tracts throughout Oneida County with little to no broadband access.

This necessitates the installation of a middle-mile, from which future expansions efforts can grow. The existing middle-mile infrastructure, in addition to being sparse, was not installed to facilitate widespread FTTP. The middle-mile contemplated here reaches far into the corners of the county, enabling low cost projects to make last mile connections.

**c. A description of an applicant's financial ability to undertake the proposed broadband construction project. This may include information such as the number of years the company has been in operation, documentation of successful completion of similar infrastructure projects, evidence that sufficient funds are available to cover project expenditure and match, customer turn-over rates, and credit rating.**

Bug Tussel Wireless was founded in 2003, and in 2008 joined forces with McKinley Reserve and Paul Gehl to form Hilbert Communications through a merger of seven companies. With the goal to remedy the dire need for broadband and cellular access of those living in rural communities, Hilbert Communications has grown substantially in its nearly 20 year history.

The core investment group has made investments in rural wireless and broadband in excess of \$30 million and is currently completing a series of financing agreements to fund over \$500,000,000 of new capital projects through a number of joint ventures with private equity firms and public bond issuances. Consolidated revenues per Hilbert's most recent audited financial statements is nearly \$65,000,000, a doubling year on year increase.

Hilbert Communications, and its subsidiaries,

has a proven track record of operating, maintaining, and continually investing in its network to provide its thousands of rural customers with the best technologies on the market. Collaborating with partners like AT&T, Hilbert Communications currently operates approximately 600 broadband and cellular sites throughout rural Wisconsin, Michigan and Iowa. Further, Hilbert Communications has a rapidly expanding fiber footprint with existing fiber assets in Forest and Oconto Counties, as well as ongoing projects in Iowa, Green, Kewaunee, Marathon, Forest, Fond du Lac, Calumet, and Waushara Counties all set to be completed in 2022.

Hilbert Communications and its subsidiaries can provide turnkey solutions for nearly any rural community. From site acquisition, tower construction, network operations, and sales and service, Hilbert Communications can connect rural communities and keep residents competitive with larger urban centers.

Hilbert Communications has been very deliberate in its network design creating significant redundancies through the use of “ring design” and a combination of over the air and fiberoptic connectivity resulting in industry high performance standards. This design and reputation resulted in the award of construction and operational contracts with AT&T for a portion of the FirstNet® National Emergency Communications Network. Hilbert Communications brings the same reliability and redundancy design to an individual customer in rural Wisconsin as it does to a national emergency communications network.

Hilbert Communications also believes that networks need to be sustainable and as such cannot be reliant on future grants or funding but must seek creative ways in rural markets to leverage assets. This application and our entire network leverages assets and relationships to create a superior network. Hilbert Communications is in the final stages of a national build agreement with AT&T, with nearly 350 sites completed across Wisconsin and southwestern Iowa that also provides a basis for our broadband network and makes broadband possible on AT&T’s network. Since 2018, Hilbert Communications has ramped its site acquisition and construction teams from 2 to 4 sites per month to up to 20 sites per month and has completed nearly 200 sites in a single year. These sites met the stringent quality standards of FirstNet and of AT&T. They also met our own stringent quality standards for each rural customer.

**d. For middle mile projects, state the terms under which the applicant will make its middle mile fiber resource available to last mile providers. Without disclosing project-specific or customer-specific negotiated rates for service or access, state whether access to the middle mile fiber resource will be offered to last mile providers at a rate that is reasonable and common to the industry. Describe any restrictions or limits that may limit the availability or interconnection with the middle mile route.**

Northwood’s network is open to all providers, and we believe that by strategically placing the fiber in unserved or underserved areas and opening the DWDM network to other providers, that the speed of deployment for other providers who may want to use our fiber for backhaul, temporarily or permanently until their construction plans catch up, will be positively impacted.

The rates Northwoods intends to charge will be reasonable, and will include shorter-term lease agreements, longer-term IRUs, and fiber swap agreements. By including 10 access points throughout the middle-mile route, the capacity available for expansion will be easily accessible to any and all who may have an interest.

**e. For middle mile routes, state the amount of fiber capacity, by number of fiber strands in a cable, that the applicant has been reserved for public use. Describe any commitment or tentative discussion indicating the local government or State agency that might use those fiber strands, and for what purpose. Describe any restrictions or limits that may limit the public use (e.g. a possible use conflicts with an existing program covering the same subject matter).**

Through Northwoods’s public private partnership with Oneida County, 24 dark fiber strands are reserved for the County at no cost. This commitment to free access for Oneida County is contracted for 30 years.

Moreover, Northwoods engaged with Oneida County in the planning stages of this grant application to design a network that accomplishes numerous County objectives, better allowing the County to utilize the fiber they are given.

**f. A description of how the proposed project will affect the ability of individuals to access health care service from home, including any impact upon the costs of those services.**

National studies provide evidence of cost savings with the use of telehealth services. In a pre-COVID-19 study of 40,000 Cigna beneficiaries, the 20,000 beneficiaries who used the MDLive telehealth platform had 17% lower costs when compared with non-virtual care. Virtual care users also experienced a 36% net reduction in ED use per 1,000 people compared to non-virtual care users (Healthcare IT News). The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Report of the Taskforce on Telehealth Policy discusses a variety of evidence that the use of telehealth services lowers the overall cost of care. We are confident that this national data can be extrapolated to this project area. Considering that in-person health care services are 20 or more miles away for many residents Oneida County, use of telehealth also results in savings related to travel and time away from work or school.

**g. A description of how the proposed project will affect the ability of students to access educational opportunities from home.**

There are many online educational programs currently available for students of all ages in the project area. Several school districts have on-line learning labs, where a student can be physically located in their high school but take a class for college credit. While K-12 schools have largely returned to in-person instruction, some families prefer an on-line option. With improved internet access, families in the project area may wish to open-enroll in accredited online schools such as Acellus Academy, Virtual Charter Schools, or the Wisconsin Connections Academy..

Adult professional continuing education has made a major shift to online course delivery, and will be aided by this project. Rural health care providers at all levels, from nursing assistants to sub-specialty physicians, REALTORS, HVAC technicians, accountants, firefighters, childcare providers and others need access to highspeed internet for continuing education to maintain credentials and improve skills.

**h. A description of actions taken by a city, village, town, or county in support of the grant application that have not been discussed in the context of a public-private partnership above, including but not limited to:**

This project is the result of a true partnership between Northwoods and Oneida County. From planning and design forward, Northwoods and the County have been engaged, and will continue to be engaged to complete the shared goal of expanded broadband access throughout Oneida County.

Moreover, Hilbert Coimmuncations will continue to partner with Oneida County following the completion of the construction project. Northwoods works diligently to level the playing field so that rural areas can utilize the same types of services as urbanized areas and therefore able to fully compete economically and socially to attract and retain residents and businesses. Through its community outreach component, Bug Tussel University, Northwoods will work with Oneida County to provide educational seminars ranging from basic classes (“How to use the internet” and “How to use social media”) to more advanced curriculum. Bug Tussel University personnel are always very engaged in the communities in which Hilbert Communications, and its subsidiaries, operate, seeking user feedback on ways to assist them in connecting technology and the community.

**i. Letters and messages in support of the application submitted by prospective customers, local government officials, and other interested persons.**

Please see the attached Letters of Support from residents and businesses that will benefit from this project, collectively attached as Exhibit .

**EXHIBIT LIST**

- A. Resolution Authorization Creation of Public Private Partnership with Hilbert Communications, LLC**
- B. Resolution to Request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Oneida County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Purpose of Oneida County Broadband and Cellular Infrastructure Expansion**
- C. Verdoorn, Jeff – Statement of Economic Impact**
- D. Resolution – Town of Hazelhurst**
- E. Resolution – Town of Lake Tomahawk**
- F. Resolution – Town of Minocqua**
- G. Resolution – Town of Pelican**
- H. Resolution – Town of Schoepke**
- I. Resolution – Town of Sugar Camp**
- J. Resolution – Town of Three Lake**
- K. Resolution – Town of Crescent**
- L. Resolution – Town of Nokomis**
- M. Letters of Support**

RESOLUTION # 34-2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATION CREATION OF PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WITH  
HILBERT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

**WHEREAS**, Hilbert Communications, LLC ("Hilbert"), and its subsidiary broadband wireless internet service provider company, Bug Tussel Wireless, LLC ("Bug Tussel"), desire to commence a project consisting of the construction and operation of certain fiber optic assets to provide the most advanced infrastructure to the unserved and underserved residents of Oneida County; and

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County desires to pursue Broadband Expansion Grants offered by and through the State of Wisconsin Public Service Commission, and

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County considered Hilbert and Bug Tussel's proven track record of community partnerships and their proposal to expand broadband to unserved and underserved areas of Oneida County, and hereby recommends partnering with Hilbert to pursue broadband expansion grants; and

**WHEREAS**, Hilbert and Oneida County desire to pursue and make application for any and all grant money available for broadband coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, Hilbert and Oneida County are willing and able to create a public private partnership to provide the latest advancements in broadband coverage, and to seek all available grants to provide and subsidize the cost of necessary broadband infrastructure; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, supports the application to the State of Wisconsin Public Service Commission for broadband expansion grants in partnership with Hilbert and Bug Tussel; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors shall enter into an Agreement to Establish Public Private Partnership for the Purpose of Applying for a Broadband Expansion Grant, in a form substantially similar to the attached Exhibit A; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the appropriate county officials are authorized and empowered to do all such acts and to execute, acknowledge, and deliver all such documents necessary or desirable to fulfill the intent of this resolution.

Vote Required: Majority = ☒ 2/3 Majority = ☐ 3/4 Majority = ☐

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes ☒ No ☐ as reviewed  
by the Corporation Counsel, \_\_\_\_\_, Date:

2.3.22

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Administration Committee this 3rd day  
of February, 2021.

Consent Agenda Item: ☐ YES ☒ NO



Offered and passage moved by:

D. L. G. L.

Supervisor

Jul Cushing

Supervisor

Am V. L. L.

Supervisor

Bob Moh - via Zoom

Supervisor

Supervisor

10 Ayes

6 Nays

5 Absent

X Abstain

X Adopted

by the County Board of Supervisors this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

Defeated

Tracy Hartman  
Tracy Hartman, County Clerk

D. L. G. L.  
David Hintz, County Board Chair



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RESOLUTION # 35-2022

**Resolution to Request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Oneida County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Purpose of Oneida County Broadband and Cellular Infrastructure Expansion.**

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

**WHEREAS**, The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) amends Title VI of the Social Security Act by adding Sections 602 and 603 establishing the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF); and

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County receives funds through CLFRF to assist the County in responding to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; to provide premium pay to eligible workers; to make necessary investments in infrastructure; and/or to provide government services; and

**WHEREAS**, certain restrictions of the use of these funds are determined by the United States Treasury (UST) Department including the prohibition of depositing the funds into any pension fund; directly or indirectly offsetting tax revenue; and does limit the amount of CLFRF funding to be used for "government services" to a not-to-exceed revenue reduction cap; and

**WHEREAS**, the County established the Funding Opportunities Committee (FOC) to provide direction and guidance on the use of the CLFRF; and

**WHEREAS**, the FOC developed an Oneida County Relief Funding Plan dated September 27, 2021 which ranked certain requests as "high" indicating the project or program resolves long-term, pressing issues; and / or addresses serious health and public safety risks; and / or has a widespread impact; and / or addresses a financial burden on the County; and / or has well-defined ancillary benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the FOC, after thoughtful consideration of USTD regulations, further recommends County program funding thresholds by CLFRF category as follows: Public Health / Economic Development \$2,000,000; Premium Pay \$0; Infrastructure \$1,700,000; Government Services \$3,000,000; and Contingency of \$200,000; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the administrative burden of tracking and reporting expenditures under the program only those projects or programs with an aggregate value over a three-year period of \$100,000 are considered; and

**WHEREAS**, only those projects or programs which are "shovel-ready" or set to commence, if funded, upon approval of this Resolution are entertained at this stage to ensure UST requirements of funding obligation no later than December 31, 2024 and fully expended by December 31, 2026; and



49 **WHEREAS**, The FOC and OCEDC ranks Broad Band Expansion in Oneida County as a  
50 high priority for Relief Funding and recommends its funding under the Infrastructure category;  
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53 **WHEREAS**, Oneida County can receive \$2,465,500 dollars from the Public Service  
54 Commission (PSC) during the 2022-24 broadband grant cycle, but only by using \$1,500,000  
55 CLFRF dollars as a match, and  
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57 **WHEREAS**, to apply for this funding, Oneida County needs to enter a public/private  
58 partnership with Hilbert Communications (Bug Tussel); and  
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60 **WHEREAS**, Oneida County and OCEDC will participate in a negotiation of a Conduit  
61 Funding opportunity with Hilbert Communications (Bug Tussel) with bonds held by Fond Du  
62 Lac County to bring \$16,307,500 in broadband and cellular infrastructure to much of Oneida  
63 County; and  
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65 **WHEREAS**, if negotiations in Conduit Financing for the purpose of joining Fond Du Lac  
66 County Broadband Bonding Project are successful, Oneida County would generate  
67 approximately \$3,203,000 in revenue during the 30-year life of the infrastructure project; and  
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69 **WHEREAS**, there will be no additional or ongoing costs to Oneida County as the result of  
70 this project – whether approved or not approved; and  
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72 **WHEREAS**, the FOC charged OCEDC with developing CLFRF Broadband Project(s), and  
73 OCEDC recommends this project be funded using CLFRF funds; and  
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75 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that  
76 effective on 02/03/2022, a public/private partnership be created with Hilbert Communications  
77 (Bug Tussel) and that a successfully negotiated project because of the partnership be funded  
78 using \$1,500,000 of County CLFRF funds; and  
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80 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that by  
81 Adoption of this resolution the project will be reevaluated annually as part of the budget  
82 process to determine need and available funding for future years.  
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85 Vote Required: Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 2/3 Majority = ☒ 3/4 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_  
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87 The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes ☒ No \_\_\_\_\_ as reviewed  
88 by the Corporation Counsel, \_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
89 2-3-22

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91 Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Administration Committee this 3rd day  
92 of February, 2022  
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94 Consent Agenda Item: YES ☒ NO  
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Offered and passage moved by:

D. L. G. L.  
Supervisor  
Ted C. Smith  
Supervisor  
Ann V. Smith  
Supervisor  
Bob Mott - via Zoom  
Supervisor  
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Supervisor

9 Ayes

6 Nays

5 Absent

1 Abstain

X Adopted

by the County Board of Supervisors this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2022.

Defeated

Tracy Hartman  
Tracy Hartman, County Clerk

D. L. G. L.  
David Hintz, County Board Chair



March 14, 2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission  
North Tower, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Hill Farms State Office Building  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
Madison, WI 53705

**Re: Economic Impact of Improving Broadband in Rural Oneida County per PSC Grant Talking Points – In Support of Bug Tusssel’s Oneida County Middle Mile/Final Mile Infrastructure Project**

Dear Ms. Coker,

Per your application guidelines regarding Economic Development and Economic Impact:

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- **A discussion of potential economic impact the project could have for an individual business located in the project area:** *Access to rural broadband would dramatically increase economic activity in Oneida County by providing broadband access to seasonal and recreational housing units. There are 13,904 seasonal or recreational housing units in Oneida County (44.8% of all housing units) per a University of Wisconsin Extension study. Of those, through another University of Wisconsin Extension survey, 52.9% did not have acceptable internet access. Through further research, it is estimated that non-residents using seasonal or recreational homes would spend an additional 37 days per year in Oneida County. Each extra day results in \$67 in additional local spend (food, entertainment, etc.). Rolled up this would be an economic activity increase in Oneida County of \$18,200,000 per year if all could be connected. This activity would benefit MANY businesses in Oneida County.*
  - **An explanation of how an improved download and upload transmission speed could better support a specific business in the project area:** *As an economic Development Corporation, we have been forced to limit our searches for property for new businesses to the Rhinelander area to assure access to acceptable broadband speeds. Rural communities and properties are left out due to either no broadband access, or very slow speeds (less than 25/3 service). Improved speeds county wide would open up much more of Oneida County for business.*
  - **An explanation of the likely impact improved broadband service could have on residential property values, supported by local sales data if available:** *Anecdotal, but*





*real estate professionals in our area we have talked to value internet access at a minimum of \$10,000 in home value. Often potential buyers will not consider a home without good internet access – it is a very big deal in the rural Oneida County real estate market.*

- **A demonstration of how improved broadband service to a residential portion of the project could benefit a telecommuting population:** *Working from home is becoming a permanent way of life post pandemic. Improved transmission speeds will be critical to support this effort and get people back into the workforce. I am unable to work from home reliably due to the lack of rural access to plus 25/3 service (I only have access to fixed wireless service at my home, generally less than 15mbs). Oneida County Economic Development Corporation estimates there more than 500 work from home potential employees in Oneida County unable to take advantage of the work from home business model. Often these are women who cannot find childcare and are forced to stay home with their children. We also get many calls from seasonal residents who would move their businesses or home offices to Oneida County if they had access to acceptable broadband access.*
  - **A demonstration of how the speeds and service being offered by the project fits with current and future economic needs of the community and local businesses:** *The proposed project provides 225 miles of middle mile fiber plus significant final mile hookups for rural customers throughout Oneida County. Fiber would guarantee acceptable speeds now (at least 100mbs) and would increase as technology improves.*
  - **How the proposed project will affect the ability of individuals to access health care service from home, including any impact upon the costs of those services.** *Telemedicine is becoming the norm in rural areas of Wisconsin, augmented by Zoom and other video conference platforms. High speed access to the internet is essential. A single Office visit costs upwards of \$150, whereas a telemedicine visit is \$45 or less (Teledoc) and is generally covered without deductible by insurance.*
  - **How the proposed project will affect the ability of students to access educational opportunities from home:** *Broadband access to students is critical in rural areas, creating a tremendous disadvantage compared to non-rural areas. This is especially acute in the Three Lakes and Lakeland school districts. Those who can get internet access are typically slower than 25mbs, taking an average of 22 seconds for a single web page to load. In Rhineland where 100mps fiber service is available, that same web page takes only 7 seconds to load. Many parents are forced to take their children to public establishments that have free wi-fi to complete their homework.*
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- Additional Subject/Comment from WXPR (Wisconsin Public Radio):

*"The way we consume news has changed. People are looking for digital options to receive their news and entertainment. This has created an environment where daily newspapers have disappeared, and television and radio news departments have closed or realigned their focus. This has created a "news desert" for many rural areas. A healthy democratic society depends on a well-informed public, especially at the local level. This loss of local media can be observed at the local level in Oneida County.*

*The economic impact of the pandemic has also driven the rapid adoption of digital technologies and is prompting change in news operations. WXPR Public Radio, along with 80 other public media outlets, has pledged to carry out a digital transformation plan, guided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.*

*This new normal has created a unique opportunity for WXPR to adapt and reinvent ourselves as a digital leader in news and public safety information, at a time when the area is in need of these services.*

*Reliable broadband technology will revolutionize the way news services and information are provided to the citizens of Oneida County, ensuring our public has access to the information it needs, from trusted news sources."*

*Jessie Dick – WXPR <jessie@wxpr.org>*

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Verdoorn".

Jeff Verdoorn  
Executive Director  
Oneida County Economic Development Corporation

# Resolution 22-02

Resolution to Request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to the Town of Hazelhurst through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the purpose of Oneida County Broadband and Cellular Infrastructure Expansion.

Resolved by the Town Board, Town of Hazelhurst:

**WHEREAS**, The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) amends Title VI of the Social Security Act by adding Sections 602 and 603 establishing the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hazelhurst receives funds through CLFRF to assist the Town of Hazelhurst in responding to the public health emergency or its negative economic impact; to provide premium pay to eligible workers; to make necessary investments in infrastructure (including Broadband Access); and/or to provide government services; and

**WHEREAS**, certain restrictions of the use of these funds are determined by the United States Treasury (UST) Department including the prohibition of depositing the funds into any pension fund; directly or indirectly offsetting tax revenue; and does limit the amount of CLFRF funding to be used for "government services" to a not-to-exceed revenue reduction cap; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hazelhurst has established approved uses, including Broadband expansion; and

**WHEREAS**, only those projects or programs which are "shovel-ready" or set to commence, if funded, upon approval of this Resolution are entertained at this stage to ensure UST requirements of funding obligation no later than December 31, 2024 and fully expended by December 31, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County can received \$2,465,500 dollars from the Public Service Commission (PSC) during the 2022-2024 broadband grant cycle, but only providing CLFRF dollars as a match, and

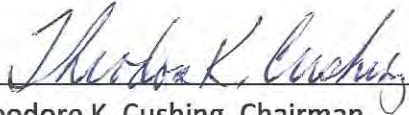
**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hazelhurst can greatly assist Oneida County in receiving the PSC grant by contributing \$ 400,000<sup>00</sup> CLFRF (ARPA) dollars, and

**WHEREAS**, there will be no additional or ongoing costs to the Town of Hazelhurst as the result of this project – whether approved or not approved; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town of Hazelhurst Board of Supervisors that \$ 1,000<sup>00</sup> CLFRF (ARPA) dollars be contributed to the Oneida County PSC application, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Town of Hazelhurst Board of Supervisors that by Adoption of this resolution that the Town of Hazelhurst will actively participate and support the Public/Private partnership created between Oneida County and Hilbert Communications.

Adopted this 3<sup>RD</sup> day of March, 2022 by the Town Board of Hazelhurst,

  
Theodore K. Cushing, Chairman

  
Gilbert Kettner, Supervisor

Attest:   
Christy Myshchyshyn, Town Clerk



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**RESOLUTION #**

**Resolution to Request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Lake Tomahawk through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Purpose of Oneida County Broadband and Cellular Infrastructure Expansion.**

Resolved by the Town of Lake Tomahawk:

**WHEREAS**, The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) amends Title VI of the Social Security Act by adding Sections 602 and 603 establishing the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF); and

**WHEREAS**, Lake Tomahawk receives funds through CLFRF to assist Lake Tomahawk in responding to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; to provide premium pay to eligible workers; to make necessary investments in infrastructure (including Broad Band Access); and/or to provide government services; and

**WHEREAS**, certain restrictions of the use of these funds are determined by the United States Treasury (UST) Department including the prohibition of depositing the funds into any pension fund; directly or indirectly offsetting tax revenue; and does limit the amount of CLFRF funding to be used for "government services" to a not-to-exceed revenue reduction cap; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake Tomahawk has established approved uses, including Broad Band expansion; and

**WHEREAS**, only those projects or programs which are "shovel-ready" or set to commence, if funded, upon approval of this Resolution are entertained at this stage to ensure UST requirements of funding obligation no later than December 31, 2024 and fully expended by December 31, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County can receive \$2,465,500 dollars from the Public Service Commission (PSC) during the 2022-24 broadband grant cycle, but only by providing CLFRF dollars as a match, and

**WHEREAS**, Lake Tomahawk can greatly assist Oneida Country in receiving the PSC grant by contributing \$1,000.00 CLFRF (ARPA) dollars, and

**WHEREAS**, there will be no additional or ongoing costs to Lake Tomahawk as the result of this project – whether approved or not approved; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Lake Tomahawk Board of Supervisors that \$1,000.00 CLFRF (ARPA) dollars be contributed to the Oneida County PSC application, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Lake Tomahawk Board of Supervisors that by Adoption of this resolution that Lake Tomahawk will actively participate and support the Public/Private partnership created between Oneida County and Hilbert Communications.

Vote Required: Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 2/3 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_

The Lake Tomahawk Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, \_\_\_\_\_, Date:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Nays

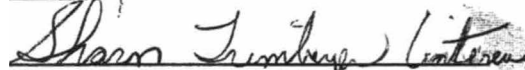
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\_\_\_\_\_ Abstain

yes Adopted

by the Lake Tomahawk Board of Supervisors th 9<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2022

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Sharon Trimberger Lintereur-Clerk

  
George DeMet, Town  
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**RESOLUTION #**

**Resolution to Request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Town of Minocqua through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Purpose of Oneida County Broadband and Cellular Infrastructure Expansion.**

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors, Town of Minocqua:

**WHEREAS**, The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) amends Title VI of the Social Security Act by adding Sections 602 and 603 establishing the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF); and

**WHEREAS**, Minocqua receives funds through CLFRF to assist the town in responding to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; to provide premium pay to eligible workers; to make necessary investments in infrastructure (including Broad Band Access); and/or to provide government services; and

**WHEREAS**, certain restrictions of the use of these funds are determined by the United States Treasury (UST) Department including the prohibition of depositing the funds into any pension fund; directly or indirectly offsetting tax revenue; and does limit the amount of CLFRF funding to be used for "government services" to a not-to-exceed revenue reduction cap; and

**WHEREAS**, the town has established approved uses, including Broadband expansion; and

**WHEREAS**, only those projects or programs which are "shovel-ready" or set to commence, if funded, upon approval of this Resolution are entertained at this stage to ensure UST requirements of funding obligation no later than December 31, 2024 and fully expended by December 31, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County can receive \$2,465,500 dollars from the Public Service Commission (PSC) during the 2022-24 broadband grant cycle, but only by providing CLFRF dollars as a match, and

**WHEREAS**, Minocqua can greatly assist Oneida County in receiving the PSC grant by contributing \$50,000 CLFRF (ARPA) dollars, and

**WHEREAS**, there will be no additional or ongoing costs to Minocqua as the result of this project—whether approved or not approved; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Minocqua Town Board of Supervisors that \$50,000 CLFRF (ARPA) dollars be contributed to the Oneida County PSC application, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Minocqua Town Board of Supervisors, by adoption of this Resolution, that the Town will actively participate and support the Public/Private partnership created between Oneida County and Hilbert Communications.

Vote Required: Majority

5 Ayes

0 Nays

0 Absent

0 Abstain

✓ Adopted

by the Minocqua Town Board of Supervisors this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

       Defeated

*Roben W. Gart*  
Minocqua Town Clerk

*[Signature]*  
Minocqua Town Chair

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**RESOLUTION # 2022-01**

**Resolution to Request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Town of Pelican through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Purpose of Oneida County Broadband and Cellular Infrastructure Expansion.**

Resolved by the TOWN BOARD, Town of Pelican:

**WHEREAS**, The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) amends Title VI of the Social Security Act by adding Sections 602 and 603 establishing the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF); and

**WHEREAS**, Town of Pelican receives funds through CLFRF to assist the Town of Pelican in responding to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; to provide premium pay to eligible workers; to make necessary investments in infrastructure (including Broad Band Access); and/or to provide government services; and

**WHEREAS**, certain restrictions of the use of these funds are determined by the United States Treasury (UST) Department including the prohibition of depositing the funds into any pension fund; directly or indirectly offsetting tax revenue; and does limit the amount of CLFRF funding to be used for "government services" to a not-to-exceed revenue reduction cap; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Pelican has established approved uses, including Broad Band expansion; and

**WHEREAS**, only those projects or programs which are "shovel-ready" or set to commence, if funded, upon approval of this Resolution are entertained at this stage to ensure UST requirements of funding obligation no later than December 31, 2024 and fully expended by December 31, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County can receive \$2,465,500 dollars from the Public Service Commission (PSC) during the 2022-24 broadband grant cycle, but only by providing CLFRF dollars as a match, and

**WHEREAS**, Town of Pelican can greatly assist Oneida County in receiving the PSC grant by contributing \$1000.00 CLFRF (ARPA) dollars, and

**WHEREAS**, there will be no additional or ongoing costs to Town of Pelican as the result of this project – whether approved or not approved; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town of Pelican Board of Supervisors that \$1000.00 CLFRF (ARPA) dollars be contributed to the Oneida County PSC application, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Town of Pelican Board of Supervisors that by Adoption of this resolution that the Town of Pelican will actively participate and support the Public/Private partnership created between Oneida County and Hilbert Communications.

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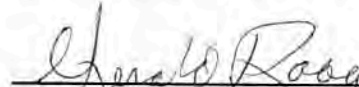
3 Ayes

0 Nays

0 Absent

by the Town of Pelican Board of Supervisors this 14th day March 2022.

  
TOWN Clerk Mike Ring

  
TOWN Board Chairman  
Gerald Roou

**Town of Schoepke  
Oneida County  
Pelican Lake, Wisconsin**

**RESOLUTION #01-2022**

**Resolution to Request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to the Town of Schoepke through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Purpose of Onieda County Broadband and Cellular Infrastructure Expansion.**

Resolved by the Town Board of the Town of Schoepke, Oneida County, Wisconsin

**WHEREAS**, The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) amends Title VI of the Social Security Act by adding Sections 602 and 603 establishing the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF); and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Schoepke received funds through CLFRF to assist the Town of Schoepke in responding to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; to provide premium pay to eligible workers; to make necessary investments in infrastructure (including Broad Band Access); and/or to provide government services; and

**WHEREAS**, certain restrictions of the use of these funds are determined by the United States Treasury (UST) Department including the prohibition of depositing the funds into any pension fund; directly or indirectly offsetting tax revenue and does limit the amount of CLFRF funding to be used for “government services” to a not-to-exceed revenue reduction cap; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schoepke has established approved uses, including Broadband expansion; and

**WHEREAS**, only those projects or programs which are “shovel-ready” or set to commence, if funded upon approval of this Resolution are entertained at this stage to ensure UST requirements of funding obligation no later than December 31, 2024 and fully expended by December 31, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County can receive \$2,465,500 from the Public Service Commission (PSC) during the 2022-2024 broadband grant cycle, but only by providing CLFRF dollars as a match; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schoepke can greatly assist Oneida County in receiving the PSC grant by contributing \$1,000 CLFRF (ARPA) dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, there will be no additional or ongoing costs to the Town of Schoepke as the result of this project – whether approved or not approved; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schoepke supports the resolution and the use part (\$1,000) of ARPA funds allocated to the Town of Schoepke as support for the proposed broadband project for Oneida County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schoepke believes that improved broadband service for the Town of Schoepke is in the best interest of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, improved broadband service will improve the business, health, and educational well-being of the citizens of Schoepke as well as promoting non-residents to spend more time in the area with the improved ability to work remotely; and

**WHEREAS**, by supporting the resolution and its appeal for funding from the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, the town has received assurances that the unserved and underserved in the Town of Schoepke will benefit from the proposed project either in Phase 1 or in future phases of the project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town of Schoepke Board of Supervisors that \$1,000 CLFRF (ARPA) dollars be contributed to the Oneida County PSC application: and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Town of Schoepke Board of Supervisors that by Adoption of this resolution that the Town of Schoepke will actively participate and support the Public/Private partnership created between Oneida County and Hilbert Communications.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022 by the Town Board of the Town of Schoepke, Oneida County, Wisconsin.

Edward Mas Town Chair  
Edward Mas

Robert Mott Town Supervisor  
Robert Mott

Charles Moore Town Supervisor  
Charles Moore

Attested to on 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2022

By Julie Taylor  
Julie Taylor, Town Clerk



TOWN OF SUGAR CAMP  
ONEIDA COUNTY WISCONSIN

RESOLUTION #1-2022

Resolution to Request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Town of Sugar Camp through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Purpose of Oneida County Broadband and Cellular Infrastructure Expansion.

Resolved by the TOWNSHIP BOARD, Town of Sugar Camp:

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) amends Title VI of the Social Security Act by adding Sections 602 and 603 establishing the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF); and

WHEREAS, Sugar Camp receives funds through CLFRF to assist Sugar Camp in responding to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; to provide premium pay to eligible workers; to make necessary investments in infrastructure (including Broad Band Access); and/or to provide government services; and

WHEREAS, certain restrictions of the use of these funds are determined by the United States Treasury (UST) Department including the prohibition of depositing the funds into any pension fund; directly or indirectly offsetting tax revenue; and does limit the amount of CLFRF funding to be used for "government services" to a not-to-exceed revenue reduction cap; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sugar Camp has established approved uses, including Broad Band expansion; and

WHEREAS, only those projects or programs which are "shovel-ready" or set to commence, if funded, upon approval of this Resolution are entertained at this stage to ensure UST requirements of funding obligation no later than December 31, 2024 and fully expended by December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Oneida County can receive \$2,465,500 dollars from the Public Service Commission (PSC) during the 2022-24 broadband grant cycle, but only by providing CLFRF dollars as a match, and

WHEREAS, Town of Sugar Camp can greatly assist Oneida Country in receiving the PSC grant by contributing \$1,000 CLFRF (ARPA) dollars, and

WHEREAS, there will be no additional or ongoing costs to Town of Sugar Camp as the result of this project – whether approved or not approved; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sugar Camp Town Board of Supervisors that \$1,000 CLFRF (ARPA) dollars be contributed to the Oneida County PSC application, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Sugar Camp Town Board of Supervisors that by Adoption of this resolution that the Town of Sugar Camp will actively participate and support the Public/Private partnership created between Oneida County and Hilbert Communications.

Vote Required: Majority = X 2/3 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_

The Sugar Camp Town Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes X No 0

3 Ayes

0 Nays

\_\_\_\_\_ Absent

\_\_\_\_\_ Abstain

X Adopted

by the Sugar Camp Town Board of Supervisors this 21st day of February, 2022

\_\_\_\_\_ Defeated

*Tanen Sommers*  
TOWN Clerk

*Scott Holm*  
TOWN Board Chair

**RESOLUTION #030122**

**IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
(PSC) BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT**

AT A MEETING OF THE TOWN OF THREE LAKES HELD AT THE TOWN OF THREE LAKES MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 6965 WEST SCHOOL STREET, ON MARCH 1, 2022.

RESOLUTION - IN SUPPORT OF ONEIDA COUNTY ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT PURSUING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT

WHEREAS, the Town of Three Lakes supports and commits to promote the availability of broadband options; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Three Lakes has established approved uses, including broadband expansion: and


WHEREAS, the Town of Three Lakes can assist Oneida County in receiving the PSC Grant by contributing one thousand dollars (\$1,000); and

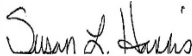
WHEREAS, there will be no additional or ongoing costs to the Town of Three Lakes as the result of this project – whether approved or not approved; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Three Lakes Town Board of Supervisors that one thousand dollars (\$1000) be contributed to the Oneida County PSC grant application, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Three Lakes Town Board of Supervisors support broadband expansion opportunities for the Town of Three Lakes and supports Oneida County Economic Development in its application to the Public Service Commission.

Adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2022.

ATTEST:   
Jeffrey M. Bruss, Town Chairman

ATTEST:   
Susan L. Harris, Town Clerk

Adopted: March 1, 2022  
Published: March 9, 2022  
Effective: March 9, 2022



February 11, 2022

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project

Dear Ms. Nieto,

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. Opportunities for people in our area depend upon reliable and cost-effective internet service. Currently, we have no option for any reliable high-speed broadband service.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Our County (and therefore, the State of Wisconsin) is missing out on a great deal of revenue that should be coming back into our community because people choose not to stay in the area to work and/or play due to the lack of internet service.

This important project will certainly have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much-needed endeavor.

Thank you for all that you do for our State.

Best wishes,



Lynda & Stephen Bany  
9285 Camp Minocqua Road  
Minocqua, WI 54548  
[LSBANY@comcast.net](mailto:LSBANY@comcast.net)  
651.216.7391

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

February 7, 2022

Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project

Ms. Nieto:

I am writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. The success and growth of the residences in our area, depends on reliable and cost-effective internet service. However, many residents, including myself, currently have no good alternative for cost-effective, high-speed reliable broadband. Trees, which are the defining feature of the Northwoods, have been the obstacle whenever I have tried to obtain service from a nearby cellular or other tower. The proposed fiber expansion project would seem to be the best option for the residents in the area.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, much of Oneida County is being left behind in this digital age we are living in. Something as simple as watching a movie on Netflix or Disney +, can be challenging and not even possible, due to the poor internet service in the area. Furthermore, due to the COVID pandemic, my children have had to attend school virtually throughout the last two years with poor, unreliable, internet service. Being present for virtual classroom meetings and turning in assignments has been problematic at times. The pandemic has also changed how many of us fulfill our job duties. The days of going to the office have now turned into days of working from home, attending virtual meetings and completing tasks on web based applications. This fiber expansion project is not only an economic necessity, but also benefits the quality of life for area residents and visitors. Please give your full attention to this important project that will surely have a positive impact on the lives of people in this region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Riley Brooks  
10331 Bobcat Lake Drive, Minocqua, WI 54548

Ms. Kristy Nieto

Division Administrator

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

4822 Madison Yards Way

P O Box 7854

Madison, Wisconsin 53705-9100

February 3, 2022

Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project

Ms Nieto,

We support the Fiber Expansion Project for the PSC grant round. Currently we have no other option and three families conduct business from this location. The impact will be significant and the alternatives are inadequate.

Thank you,

Charles and Susan Buchheit

Andrew and Melissa Buchheit

James and Rachel Buchheit

7320 McCoy Road, Minocqua, Wisconsin 54548

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

January 30, 2022

Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project

Ms. Nieto:

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. The success of the residents in our area depends on reliable and cost-effective internet service. However, many residents, including us, currently have no good alternative for high-speed reliable broadband. Trees, which are the defining feature of the Northwoods, have been the obstacle whenever we have tried to obtain service from a nearby cellular or other tower. Fiber would seem to be the best option for us.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. This is not just an economic necessity. It is also important for us elderly residents who wish to remain in our homes and for children who depend on the internet for their education, especially during this pandemic. Please give your full attention to this important project that will surely have a positive impact on the lives of people in this region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Lee and Faye Calvey  
10330 Bobcat Lake Drive, Minocqua, WI 54548



## Clearwater Camp for Girls

*fostering confidence, courage, compassion & community since 1933*

February 11, 2022

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

**Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project**

Dear Ms. Nieto,

Clearwater Camp for Girls is submitting this letter of support for the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project in the upcoming PSC grant round. As a nonprofit serving children in this area, we depend upon reliable and cost-effective internet service in order to conduct our business functions. In addition, our residential neighbors would benefit greatly from reliable high-speed broadband service that is not currently available.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, much of Oneida County is at a disadvantage. Please give your full attention to this very important project, which will surely have a positive impact for the people and businesses in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much-needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Nancy Gilbert  
President, Board of Directors  
Clearwater Camp Foundation, Inc.



Ms. Kristy Nieto

Division Administrator

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

4822 Madison Yards Way

P O Box 7854

Madison, Wisconsin 53705-9100

February 3, 2022

Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project

Ms Nieto,

We support the Fiber Expansion Project for the PSC grant round. Currently we have no other option and three families conduct business from this location. The impact will be significant and the alternatives are inadequate.

Thank you,

Charles and Susan Buchheit

Andrew and Melissa Buchheit

James and Rachel Buchheit

7320 McCoy Road, Minocqua, Wisconsin 54548

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

January 30, 2022

Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project

Ms. Nieto:

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. The success of the residents in our area depends on reliable and cost-effective internet service. However, many residents, including us, currently have no good alternative for high-speed reliable broadband. Trees, which are the defining feature of the Northwoods, have been the obstacle whenever we have tried to obtain service from a nearby cellular or other tower. Fiber would seem to be the best option for us.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. This is not just an economic necessity. It is also important for us elderly residents who wish to remain in our homes and for children who depend on the internet for their education, especially during this pandemic. Please give your full attention to this important project that will surely have a positive impact on the lives of people in this region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Lee and Faye Calvey  
10330 Bobcat Lake Drive, Minocqua, WI 54548

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

February 3, 2022

**Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project**

Ms. Nieto,

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. Opportunities for persons in our area depend upon reliable and cost-effective internet service. Currently, we have no option for any reliable high-speed broadband service.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much-needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Patrick, David, Michael, and Kelly Converse  
7366 McCoy Road, Minocqua, WI 54548

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin 4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

January 26, 2022

**Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project**

Ms. Nieto,

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. The success of the residents around our area depends on reliable and cost-effective internet service. We have no other alternative currently for any High-Speed reliable Broadband Service.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much-needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Name – Dale and Nancy Crockford  
Address – 10234 N. Bobcat Lake Drive, Minocqua, WI 54548

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

February 9, 2022

Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project

Ms. Nieto,

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. Opportunities for persons in our area depend upon reliable and cost-effective internet service. Currently, we have no option for any reliable high-speed broadband service and this limits the amount of time (and money!) we can spend in the area.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much-needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Name – The Ferguson Family

Address – 7404 Clearwater Rd. , Minocqua, WI 54548

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin 4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

January 25, 2022

**Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project**

Ms. Nieto,

I am writing in support of the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. We need reliable, cost-effective internet service and have no other alternative currently for any High-Speed reliable Broadband Service.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Name – David Holmberg  
Address – 10239 Bobcat Lake Drive, Minocqua, WI 54548  
Phone – 612-202-9875

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin 4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

January 27, 2022

**Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project**

Ms. Nieto,

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. The success of the residents around our area depends on reliable and cost-effective internet service. We have no other alternative currently for any High-Speed reliable Broadband Service.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much-needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Name – Steve and Susan Holmberg  
Address – 10239 Bobcat Lake Drive, Minocqua, WI 54548

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

February 2, 2022

**Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project**

Dear Ms. Nieto,

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. Greater opportunities for persons in our area depend upon reliable and cost-effective internet service. Currently, we have no option for any reliable high-speed broadband service.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region and will better serve the community both economically and individually. Please consider us a partner in this much-needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dean and Barbara Kirschner  
7348 McCoy Road  
Minocqua, WI 54548



Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin 4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

January 27, 2022

**Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project**

Ms. Nieto:

Please be advised that my wife, Jacquelyn, and I have been vacation home residents on Blue Lake in Minocqua since 1987. We understand that there is a possibility that our side of the lake (North Shore) could be eligible to receive Broadband services due to a grant from PSC to the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project.

We wholeheartedly support being included in this project. To bring high speed internet to us is long overdue. These days it is imperative that all areas of the Northwoods share in these services to keep the relevancy of its economic and social being.

Thank you for whatever consideration you have given this letter.

Respectfully,

Name – Gary and Jacquelyn Krawczyk  
Address – 10215 Bobcat Lake Drive, Minocqua, WI 54548

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin 4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

February 5, 2022

**Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project**

Ms. Nieto,

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. The success of the residents around our area depends on reliable and cost-effective internet service. Currently, we have no other alternative for reliable high-speed broadband service.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much needed endeavor.

I am an oncologist and much of my patient care has transitioned to virtual or telemedicine appointments during the pandemic. It has not been possible for me to perform this work at my home due to the lack of high-speed internet.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Adam and Tami Liss  
8244 Streater Rd.  
Minocqua, WI 54548

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin 4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

January 27, 2022

Ms. Nieto,

We are writing to show our support for the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project. It is our understanding that it is being considered for a grant to help in its implementation. Residents in our area would greatly benefit from reliable and cost-effective internet service. We have no other alternative currently for any High-Speed reliable Broadband Service.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project. It will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Dan & Calene Pagel  
10251 Bobcat Lake Drive, Minocqua, WI 54548

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin 4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

January 25, 2022

**Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project**

Ms. Nieto,

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. The success of the residents around our area depends on reliable and cost-effective internet service. We have no other alternative currently for any High-Speed reliable Broadband Service.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much-needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Name – Properties Just 4 U, LLC (Eric Welak)  
Address – 10114 Cove Rd. Minocqua, WI 54548

MICHAEL AND SHARI TURZENSKI  
10265 Bobcat Lake Drive  
Minocqua, WI 54548

February 18, 2022

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

**Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project**

Ms. Nieto,

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. The success of the residents around our area depends on reliable and cost-effective internet service. We have no other alternative currently for any high-speed reliable broadband service.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much-needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Mike and Shari Turzenski

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

February 3, 2022

**Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project**

Ms. Nieto,

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. Opportunities for persons in our area depend upon reliable and cost-effective internet service. Currently, we have no option for any reliable high-speed broadband service.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much-needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Patrick, David, Michael, and Kelly Converse  
7366 McCoy Road, Minocqua, WI 54548



**From:** [Jeff Verdoorn](#)  
**To:** [David Crabtree](#)  
**Cc:** [peteandsueotis@gmail.com](mailto:peteandsueotis@gmail.com); [matt@northwoodsconnect.com](mailto:matt@northwoodsconnect.com); [Mitchel Olson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Letter of support for Northwoods connect fiber expansion project  
**Date:** Monday, January 31, 2022 3:26:27 PM  
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Thanks David – we will include in our application!

Jeff

Jeff Verdoorn  
OCEDC Executive Director  
715-369-9110



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**From:** [David Crabtree](#)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 9:48 AM  
**To:** [Jeff Verdoorn](#)  
**Cc:** [peteandsueotis@gmail.com](mailto:peteandsueotis@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Letter of support for Northwoods connect fiber expansion project

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
P O Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

January 27, 2022

Ms. Nieto,

I am writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. The success of the residents around our area depends on reliable and cost effective High-Speed internet service. We have no other alternative currently for any High-Speed reliable broadband service.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida

County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region.

Please consider us a partner in the much needed endeavor. Thank you for your consideration.

David and Shari Crabtree  
10128 Cove Road  
Minocqua, WI 54548  
(407)492-8065

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin 4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

January 26, 2022

**Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project**

Ms. Nieto,

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. The success of the residents around our area depends on reliable and cost-effective internet service. We have no other alternative currently for any High-Speed reliable Broadband Service.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Name – Dale and Nancy Crockford  
Address – 10234 N. Bobcat Lake Drive, Minocqua, WI 54548

**From:** [Jeff Verdoorn](#)  
**To:** [Keith Donner](#)  
**Cc:** [peteandsueotis@gmail.com](mailto:peteandsueotis@gmail.com); [Mitchel Olson](#); [matt@northwoodsconnect.com](mailto:matt@northwoodsconnect.com)  
**Subject:** RE: Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project  
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Thank you Keith – we will include it in our application!  
Jeff

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**From:** Keith Donner <[keithdonner727@gmail.com](mailto:keithdonner727@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 2, 2022 8:52 AM  
**To:** Jeff Verdoorn <[Jeff.Verdoorn@ocedc.org](mailto:Jeff.Verdoorn@ocedc.org)>  
**Cc:** [peteandsueotis@gmail.com](mailto:peteandsueotis@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project

Ms. Nieto

My name is Keith Donner. My wife's family has spent time coming to the Northwoods of Wisconsin for over 70 years. We have had a family cottage since the 1950s and we were lucky enough to build our own 4 season home on Lake Tomahawk in 2016. We currently spend 4 months or so there each summer.

One of the reasons we do not spend any time in the winter is because of the lack of high speed internet service to our house on McCoy Road. While there is much to do in the summer and the lack of internet service is tolerable, the lack of a high speed option for the winter months would make the short days and cold and wintry weather much less enjoyable.

I also have family members that are now able to work from home. I am sure they would be spending more time in summer (as well as possibly winter) in the Minocqua area if high speed internet options were available to all.

I believe that the expansion of fiber high speed internet options in rural areas of northern Wisconsin will have a tremendous positive effect on economic growth of the area. Your support for the PSC grant would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks and Regards,

Keith and Gail Donner  
7340 McCoy Road  
Minocqua, WI

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin 4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

January 31, 2022

**Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project**


Ms. Nieto,

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. The success of the residents around our area depends on reliable and cost-effective internet service. We have no other alternative currently for any High-Speed reliable Broadband Service.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much-needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

  
Cindy and Marty Draxler  
8240 Streater,  
Minocqua, WI 54548

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin 4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

March 14, 2022

**Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project**

Ms. Nieto,

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. The success of the residents around our area depends on reliable and cost-effective internet service. We have no other alternative currently for any High-Speed reliable Broadband Service.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Dr. James Ellis  
District Administrator  
Minocqua J1 School District



Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

February 9, 2022

Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project

Ms. Nieto,

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. Opportunities for persons in our area depend upon reliable and cost-effective internet service. Currently, we have no option for any reliable high-speed broadband service and this limits the amount of time (and money!) we can spend in the area.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much-needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Name – The Ferguson Family

Address – 7404 Clearwater Rd. , Minocqua, WI 54548

## Mitchel Olson

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**From:** Jeff Verdoorn <Jeff.Verdoorn@ocedc.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2022 3:19 PM  
**To:** william gabby  
**Cc:** peteandsueotis@gmail.com; matt@northwoodsconnect.com; Mitchel Olson  
**Subject:** RE: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project

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Thank you! We will include in our application.  
Jeff

Jeff Verdoorn  
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**From:** [william gabby](#)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2022 12:40 PM  
**To:** [Jeff Verdoorn](#)  
**Cc:** [peteandsueotis@gmail.com](#)  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

January 31, 2022

RE: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project

Ms. Nieto,

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Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted

,  
William Gabby and Charles Mote Sr.

The Gabby Cottage LLC  
7516 E Clearwater Road  
Minocqua, WI 54548

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project

Ms. Nieto,

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. Opportunities for persons in our area depend upon reliable and cost-effective internet service. The lack of such service has been felt more than ever as the current pandemic has shifted many job opportunities to be remote in a home office. Currently, we have no option for any high-speed broadband service that can reliably support such opportunities.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Respectfully,  
Darrell and Tracy Graham  
9280 Hearthwood Lane, Minocqua, WI 54548

**From:** [Jeff Verdoorn](#)  
**To:** [Mitchel Olson](#); [matt@northwoodsconnect.com](mailto:matt@northwoodsconnect.com); [peteandsueotis@gmail.com](mailto:peteandsueotis@gmail.com)  
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**From:** [Shirley Harrold](#)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 7, 2022 4:32 PM  
**To:** [Jeff Verdoorn](#)  
**Subject:** Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project

February 7, 2022

Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect  
Fiber Expansion Project

Mr. Verdoorn,

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. Opportunities for persons in our area depend upon reliable and cost-effective internet service. Currently, we have no option for any reliable high-speed broadband service.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much-needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Name - Greg and Shirley Harrold  
Address - 9327 Hearthwood Lane, Minocqua, WI 54548





Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin 4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

January 25, 2022

**Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project**

Ms. Nieto,

I am writing in support of the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. We need reliable, cost-effective internet service and have no other alternative currently for any High-Speed reliable Broadband Service.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Name – David Holmberg  
Address – 10239 Bobcat Lake Drive, Minocqua, WI 54548  
Phone – 612-202-9875

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin 4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

January 27, 2022

**Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project**

Ms. Nieto,

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. The success of the residents around our area depends on reliable and cost-effective internet service. We have no other alternative currently for any High-Speed reliable Broadband Service.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much-needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Name – Steve and Susan Holmberg  
Address – 10239 Bobcat Lake Drive, Minocqua, WI 54548

**From:** [Jeff Verdoorn](#)  
**To:** [carolyn.johnson](#); [peteandsueotis@gmail.com](#); [Mitchel Olson](#); [matt@northwoodsconnect.com](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project  
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Thanks Carolyn – we will include in our application!

Jeff

Jeff Verdoorn  
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**From:** [carolyn.johnson](#)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 3, 2022 12:23 PM  
**To:** [Jeff Verdoorn](#)  
**Subject:** Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project

Ms. Kristy Nieto,  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin 4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project

Ms. Nieto,

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. The success of the residents around our area depends on reliable and cost-effective internet service. We have no other alternative currently for any High-Speed reliable Broadband Service.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much- needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Name—James and Carolyn Johnson

Address—10257 Bobcat Lake Drive, Minocqua, WI 54548

**From:** [Jeff Verdoorn](#)  
**To:** [Deborah Karow](#)  
**Cc:** [peteandsueotis@gmail.com](#); [matt@northwoodsconnect.com](#); [Mitchel Olson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Letter of Support  
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Thanks Deborah, I will include it in our application!

Jeff

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**From:** [Deborah Karow](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 1, 2022 7:23 AM  
**To:** [Jeff Verdoorn](#)  
**Cc:** [peteandsueotis@gmail.com](#)  
**Subject:** Letter of Support

>  
> Ms. Kristy Nieto  
> Division Administrator  
> Public Service Commission of Wisconsin 4822 Madison Yards Way  
> P.O. Box 7854  
> Madison, WI 53705-9100  
> Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project  
> Ms. Nieto,  
> We are writing to unconditionally support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for  
> the upcoming PSC grant round. Opportunities for persons in our area increasingly depend upon reliable and cost-effective internet service. Currently, we have no option for any reliable high-speed broadband service.  
> Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Current providers are restricted and speaking from personal experience have limited availability and coverage. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will definitely have a

positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us as supportive of this much-needed endeavor.

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> Thank you for your consideration. Respectfully,

> Phillip and Deborah Karow

> 9506 West Tomahawk Lake Road Minocqua, WI 54548

> January 31, 2022

>

> Sent from my iPhone



Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

February 2, 2022

**Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project**

Dear Ms. Nieto,

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. Greater opportunities for persons in our area depend upon reliable and cost-effective internet service. Currently, we have no option for any reliable high-speed broadband service.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region and will better serve the community both economically and individually. Please consider us a partner in this much-needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dean and Barbara Kirschner  
7348 McCoy Road  
Minocqua, WI 54548

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin 4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

January 27, 2022

**Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project**

Ms. Nieto:

Please be advised that my wife, Jacquelyn, and I have been vacation home residents on Blue Lake in Minocqua since 1987. We understand that there is a possibility that our side of the lake (North Shore) could be eligible to receive Broadband services due to a grant from PSC to the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project.

We wholeheartedly support being included in this project. To bring high speed internet to us is long overdue. These days it is imperative that all areas of the Northwoods share in these services to keep the relevancy of its economic and social being.

Thank you for whatever consideration you have given this letter.

Respectfully,

Name – Gary and Jacquelyn Krawczyk  
Address – 10215 Bobcat Lake Drive, Minocqua, WI 54548

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin 4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

February 5, 2022

**Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project**

Ms. Nieto,

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. The success of the residents around our area depends on reliable and cost-effective internet service. Currently, we have no other alternative for reliable high-speed broadband service.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much needed endeavor.

I am an oncologist and much of my patient care has transitioned to virtual or telemedicine appointments during the pandemic. It has not been possible for me to perform this work at my home due to the lack of high-speed internet.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Adam and Tami Liss  
8244 Streater Rd.  
Minocqua, WI 54548

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin 4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

January 25, 2022

**Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project**

Ms. Nieto,

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. The success of the residents around our area depends on reliable and cost-effective internet service. We have no other alternative currently for any High-Speed reliable Broadband Service.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much-needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Name – Peter and Susan Otis  
Address – 10247 Bobcat Lake Drive, Minocqua, WI 54548

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin 4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

January 27, 2022

Ms. Nieto,

We are writing to show our support for the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project. It is our understanding that it is being considered for a grant to help in its implementation. Residents in our area would greatly benefit from reliable and cost-effective internet service. We have no other alternative currently for any High-Speed reliable Broadband Service.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project. It will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Dan & Calene Pagel  
10251 Bobcat Lake Drive, Minocqua, WI 54548

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin 4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

January 25, 2022

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Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much-needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Name – Properties Just 4 U, LLC (Eric Welak)  
Address – 10114 Cove Rd. Minocqua, WI 54548



March 14, 2022

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
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**Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project**

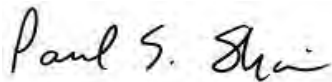
Ms. Nieto,

I am writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. I live on an Internet Island – a single road (Davies Road) with over 50 residents who have no access to internet. Our road was passed over when Charter built out cable TV in the area 20 years ago, and Verizon and later Frontier refused to extend DSL coverage to our road. All this, despite being just ½ mile from current cable infrastructure and 3 miles from the center of the largest city in Oneida County, Minocqua. I have spent the last 15 years trying to convince these companies to service our road with no success. The economic viability of the 50 residents on our street and in the surrounding area depends on reliable and cost-effective internet service. We have no other alternative currently for any High-Speed reliable Broadband Service. While our road is not on the current plan, I am working to get that changed and hope that you will support both that change as well as the overall project that is being proposed.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much-needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Paul and Suzy Shain  
9189 Davies Road  
Minocqua, WI 54548

Email: [paul@badgernorth.com](mailto:paul@badgernorth.com)  
Phone: 608-658-2006

**From:** [Jeff Verdoorn](#)  
**To:** [Patricia Stankowski](#); [peteandsueotis@gmail.com](mailto:peteandsueotis@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** [matt@northwoodsconnect.com](mailto:matt@northwoodsconnect.com); [Mitchel Olson](#)  
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Thank you Pat – we will include in our application!

Jeff Verdoorn  
OCEDC Executive Director  
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**From:** [Patricia Stankowski](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 1, 2022 1:29 PM  
**To:** [Jeff Verdoorn](#); [peteandsueotis@gmail.com](mailto:peteandsueotis@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Letter of support for the northwoods connect fiber expansion project

February 1, 2022

Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
P. O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect  
Fiber Expansion Project

Ms. Nieto:

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Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Erv and Pat Stankowski

9335 Manitou Way, Minocqua, WI 54548

**From:** [Jeff Verdoorn](#)  
**To:** [Mitchel Olson](#); [matt@northwoodsconnect.com](mailto:matt@northwoodsconnect.com)  
**Subject:** FW: Support for Northwoods Fiber Expansion Project  
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**From:** Julia Schilling <juliabschilling@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2022 5:20:59 PM  
**To:** Jeff Verdoorn <Jeff.Verdoorn@ocedc.org>; peteandsueotis@gmail.com  
<peteandsueotis@gmail.com>; Dad <teswaney@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Support for Northwoods Fiber Expansion Project

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
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January 31, 2022

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Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much-needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Name – Thomas and Patricia Swaney

Address – 9319 Camp Minocqua Road, Minocqua, WI 54548



WILLIAM R TEHAN AND JEAN C TEHAN  
10261 Bobcat Lake Drive  
Minocqua, WI 54548

February 1, 2022

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

**Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project**

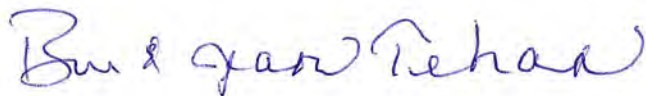
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Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much-needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Bill and Jean Tehan

MICHAEL AND SHARI TURZENSKI  
10265 Bobcat Lake Drive  
Minocqua, WI 54548

February 18, 2022

Ms. Kristy Nieto  
Division Administrator  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

**Subject: Letter of Support for the Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project**

Ms. Nieto,

We are writing to support the proposed Northwoods Connect Fiber Expansion Project for the upcoming PSC grant round. The success of the residents around our area depends on reliable and cost-effective internet service. We have no other alternative currently for any high-speed reliable broadband service.

Without quality fiber infrastructure, we feel that much of Oneida County is being left behind. Please give your full attention to this very important project that will surely have a positive impact for the people in our region. Please consider us a partner in this much-needed endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Mike and Shari Turzenski